

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of Suburban Water Systems (U 339-W) for authority to increase rates: In 2003 \$9,919,002, or 27.2% above the revenues generated by present rates, in 2004 \$1,447,692 or 3.1% above the revenues generated by the rates proposed for 2003, in 2005 \$1,597,008 or 3.3% above the 2004 revenue requirements.

Application 02-05-033
(Filed May 13, 2002)

SCOPING MEMO AND RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER

1. Summary

This ruling sets forth the procedural schedule, addresses the scope of the proceeding and designates the principal hearing officer pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(a) and Rule 6.3 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

2. Scope of the Proceeding

At issue in this application are the following matters:

- a. Has Applicant justified the need for the general rate increases it seeks in the years 2003, 2004, and 2005?
- b. Has Applicant justified recovery of Department of Health Services fees in rates?
- c. Has Applicant justified either a change or no change in its tariffs related to FMCT meters?
- d. Has Applicant justified its request to adopt three test years instead of the two test years designated in Decision 90-08-045?
- e. Has Applicant justified a memorandum account for security costs?
- f. Has Applicant justified amortization of its balancing accounts?

3. Schedule

A hearing is necessary. The parties have agreed on the following schedule:

October 21, 2002	Office of Ratepayer Advocates, Water and Natural Gas Branch (ORA) serves ORA testimony.
October 29, 2002	Public Participation Hearings will be conducted at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in West Covina Senior Center, 2501 East Cortez Street, North Wing, Rooms 14 & 15, West Covina, CA 91791.
November 5-8, 2002	Evidentiary Hearing, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom, 320 West 4 th Street, Los Angeles.
December 5, 2002	Parties file and exchange briefs.
December 19, 2002	Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) transmits data to Water and Natural Gas Branch for preparation of ratesetting appendices.
December 19, 2002	ALJ circulates Proposed Decision internally.
January 3, 2003	ALJ's Proposed Decision is filed.

Resolution of this case is anticipated by February 2003.

4. Category of Proceeding; Principal Hearing Officer

This application is ratesetting, as defined in Rule 5(c). ALJ Walker is designated as the principal hearing officer.

Dated August 19, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

Michael R. Peevey
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 19, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

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